

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INITIAL POLLUTION REPORT**

DATE: October 14, 2003

SUBJECT: Plains-Sandy Creek Crude Oil Spill
Kingston, Adams County, Mississippi

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I. BACKGROUND

LEAD AGENCY:	EPA, Region 4, ERRB 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303
NPL:	No
FUNDING:	OPA
FPN#	E04401
LEAD OSC:	Rick Jardine
SITE ID:	Z4FV

II SITUATION

Date of Notification:	October 13, 2003
Date Action Started:	October 14, 2003
Pollutant:	Crude Oil
Source Identification:	8 inch pipeline

III ACTIONS TAKEN

On October 13, 2003, EPA received notification of a potential discharge of an unknown amount of crude oil from a pipeline owned and operated by Plains Marketing. Plains detected a pressure drop on one of their 8 inch gathering lines, and volume calculations indicated the potential for a 348 barrel discharge. Plains personnel initiated a visual inspection via air and ground along a 20 mile stretch of underground pipeline to try and locate the point source. On October 14, Plains personnel located an undetermined amount of crude oil in Sandy Creek, migrating towards the Homochitto River. Response personnel initiated containment and

recovery operations. MSDEQ personnel mobilized to the scene. OSC Rick Jardine was dispatched to the scene to provide direction and oversight.

IV FUTURE ACTIONS

OSC Jardine will remain on scene to provide Federal assistance and oversight throughout the duration of the oil recovery operations.

V ESTIMATED COSTS

EPA - \$3,000